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For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS)	Mail Stop Amendment
AND IMAGE FORMING MEDIUM)	

The Commissioner of Patents
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Mail Stop Amendment
Alexandria, VA 22314
Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO-1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) of the above-referenced application. Each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in an Office Action issued by the Japanese Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application. Therefore, no fee is required for filing this Information Disclosure Statement.

A concise explanation of relevance for each of the non-English language documents listed may be ascertained from the English-language translation of their Abstract. Copies of the documents are enclosed. In addition, Applicant respectfully note that JP 2002-2523944 is a

counterpart of U.S. Patent No. 6,256,398, WO-0011599, and DE 1998-3484, all of which have been cited in the attached Form 1449. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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Respectfully submitted,

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